

Washington, D.C., July 14, 1888

Rev. Geo. L. Willard,

Rensselaer, Jasper Co., Ind.

Rev. dear Father,

Your letter of the 28th was duly received. Press of work in connection with the renewal of our school contracts has prevented earlier reply.

All the contracts for which we asked, including one for 130 boys at St. Joseph's school, have been prepared and executed by me, and are now waiting General Upshaw's signature. He has not yet decided what we will do about that, but I feel perfectly confident that he will sign them in due time.

The St. Joseph's Normal School contract provides for payment by the Government of the travelling expenses of the boys, but it states the maximum age to 18 years. We asked to have the limitation as to age stricken out of the contract. But both Gorman and Ketcham thought it best not to make such a discrimination in favor of our school, as it might seem insidious and provoke unfavorable comment. I therefore did not press the matter. There is, however, a provision in the contract under which we can obtain permission to get pupils over 18, but we must ask for this permission in advance of obtaining the boys.

As soon as the contract is signed by Upshaw, I will send you a copy of it, and I will have Mr. Lusk send you the school books of which you speak.

The position of you sister-in-law will be allowed, but the certificate will not be issued for some time yet, as there are a couple thousand cases ahead of hers. Mr. Lusk wants to know if you received the Draft for BIA he sent you.

Very truly, your friend,

J.A. Stephan